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No more brownouts, says Napocor

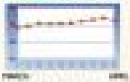


CHINESE INVESTMENT IN SAMAR

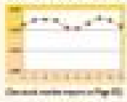
All plants put on standby to meet demand surges

BIÑAN, LAGUNA—NATIONAL POWER CORP. has given assurance that Wednesday's rotating brownouts would not happen again amid speculations that the state firm continues to have problems with fuel supply for some power plants.

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET



Shares down 1.74%

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ICTSI still on expansion mode, OKs bigger dividend

By Riza T. Olchondra

INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER Terminal Services Inc. remains on an expansion mode and is looking at the new container terminal in Batangas and the one in Guam.

"Everything (that is being bid out), we will look at," ICTSI chair and president Enrique Razon Jr. told reporters on the sidelines of the company's stockholders' meeting in Makati yesterday.

"We are always looking in Asia, in the Middle East, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa. In the US, there are not many interesting areas. In the Philippines, we will develop what we have in Davao, General Santos and Subic."

As for the prospect of operating in Batangas, which the government wants to develop into a major international container terminal, Razon said: "If they (government) bid it out, we will look into it."

He also said ICTSI was not ruling out [illegible] with Guam for the [illegible] port, whose privatization efforts have dragged on for over a year. The port, the last [illegible] in the US territory, serves as a transshipment point for the West Pacific region.

"We won the right to negotiate but the government cancelled it [illegible] with competing proposals. If they bid it out again we will look into it again," Razon said.

ICTSI also said it was giving out cash dividends of 28 centavos a share, [illegible] percent higher than the 20 centavos given out last year. Shareholders of record as of May 7 will receive the cash dividend on May 31.

Razon cited continuing growth for the higher dividend and the continuing expansion plans.

The international port operator posted gross revenues of P11.[illegible] billion and net income of P[illegible] billion in 2006. The figures were up 14 percent and 27 percent, respectively, from 2005.

Razon assured stockholders that the company was not spreading itself too thinly. "We are not overextending. We have strong financial standing and we have expertise. All our ports are operational up to China, where we started last month. In Syria we will open in about 90 days and in Guayaquil (Ecuador), on July 1."

Razon noted that ICTSI's international investments and operations were well-distributed geographically, cushioning the company from market movements.

Tan's Asia Brewery . . .

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plants, which produces 4 million hectoliters of beer a year, and another in Mindanao with a capacity of 2 million hectoliters.

The company also has facilities in China.

Listed companies that are also owned by Tan include PAL Holdings Inc., Macroasia Corp., [illegible] Holdings Inc., Philippine National Bank, Allied Banking Corp. and [illegible] Breweries and Holdings Co. Inc., which was recently renamed to Eton Properties Philippines Inc. following its conversion into the group's property development arm.

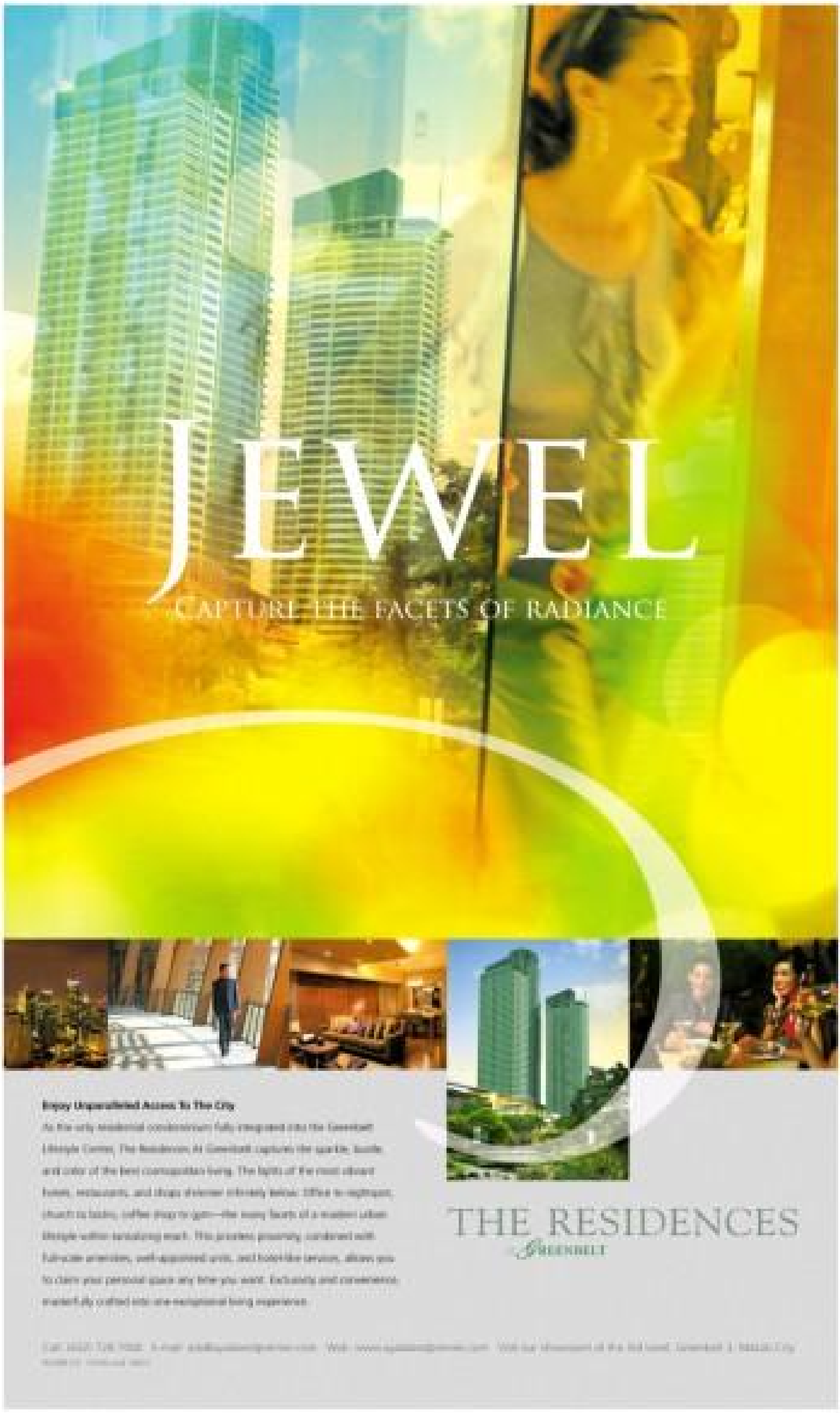


Groundbreaking at Makiling Resort & Country Club. This [illegible] resort destination was inaugurated March 25, 2007 and is the only Retirement Facility accredited by the Philippine Retirement Authority in the area. A first of its kind, the 28,000 square meter upscale resort facility is home to a Water Park complete with a Wave Pool complemented by Makiling's natural hot springs. A world-class Clubhouse, spacious Sports Complex, and Picnic Grove are available for use by members and guests. First-Class accommodations include Casitas, Gazebos and Cabanas, as well as 100 luxury condotel units. Present at the groundbreaking ceremonies were, from left: Yoshihiro Imasaki, Vice-Chairman, Philand Property Corp. (PPC); Carlos B. Castillo, President & CEO (PPC); Roberto de Ocampo, Chairman (PPC); Mayor Cesar Perez of Los Baños, Laguna; Mayor Bruno Ramos of Bay, Laguna; Gen. Edgardo Aglipay, Chairman, Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA); Colonel Boy Francisco, General Manager (PRA). To learn more about Makiling Resort & Country Club, visit www.makilingresort.com or call 813-7651 and 892-0701

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Heroes past reach out to today's youth

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao



STUDENTS of the Far Eastern University gather around the display of paper money printed by guerrilla units during World War II, which is part of the "War of Our Fathers" exhibit of Philippine Veterans Bank.

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In Laguna, Tan group to put up luxury township

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Japan telco hikes stake in PLDT

Two big pig fights

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RLC acquires Global City lot

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Macau economy surges as China gamblers crowd casinos

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IP, NTC sign accord to pursue cable pirates



Factory workers turn factory owners

Turning point

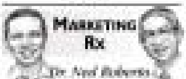
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Even if you think it's great to get a tan this summer, I would advice you to do it responsibly

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Ria Francisco-Prieto

Turnin' up the heat wave

BOYS AND GIRLS, IT'S SUMMER! [illegible]

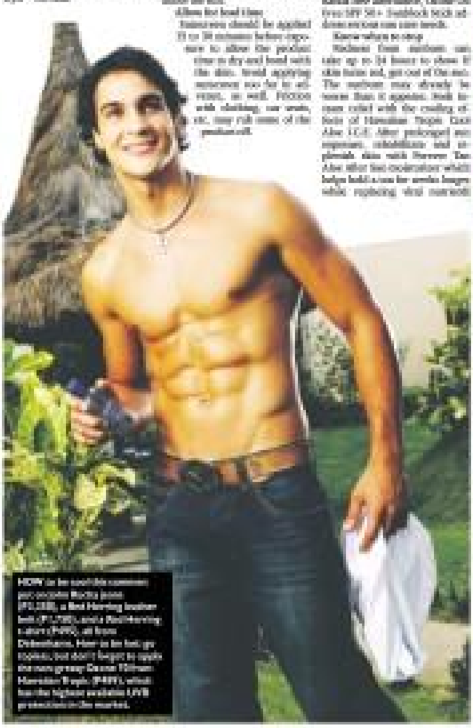
Summer skin-sense

By [illegible]

IT'S THE HEIGHT OF summer so you're probably heading towards powder-sand beaches for serious sun-worshipping, or the nearest infinity pool for a good refreshing dunk. [illegible]

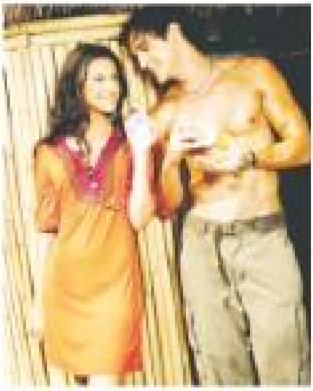
Sunblocking 101

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Clothes should complement summer as well as protect you from the harsh effects of the sun













From ugly duckling to swan

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Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the most 'duable' of them all?

A bridesmaid's beauty regimen



CLARINS Advanced Extra-Firming Eye Contour Cream

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Always a bridesmaid, never a bride? You should at least hold out on your own against the bride



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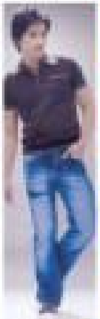


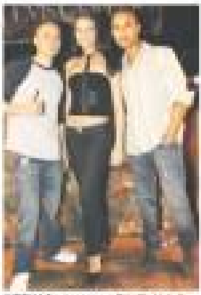
Perfect fit



IF THERE is an actor who doesn't need to overhaul his show biz career, it's Piolo Pascual. The guy practically gets the juiciest male role in every major movie.







JUDIDIA Paulo, gorgeous Priscilla Meirelles and Will Devaughn



Dressed to kill in jeans



MICHAEL Sellers, Dan Pangandian, Daniella Barbosa and Victor Cano



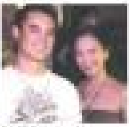
LEVI'S Copper show presents striped hoodies worn under candy-colored tees and crisp preppy uniforms, with models styled as ravers in goggles, beltbags and bandanas



LEVI'S retailers: handsome James Sy, Jon Sy Cupino and Percy Cupino



LAWYER Ramon Laguda



BRIKZ Torres and Jen Ramos, Levi's consumer marketing manager



AGI with traffic-stopper Tessa Prieto Valdes and architect Anton Mendoza



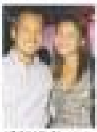
SPEEDO'S Anna Mahtani, Babs Mahtani and Jill Bohingham



JUDITH Barcenas Basco, top couturier Rajo Laurel and Crimee Olivia Cebreros



TESSIE Tomas and hubby, British Ambassador Peter Beckingham



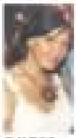
ADORABLE lovers Nicky Tayag and Joanne Manahan

Without Batting an Eyelash

Maurice Arcache



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JOEY Mead



CHINA Cojuangco with Gabi Valenciano



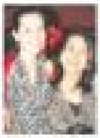
GORGEOUS Nikki Prieto Teodoro with supporter



PEPPER Teehankee and Bessie Lee



CARLA Tengco, Metro Society editor Raul Manzano and Amanda Tengco



AUDREY Tan Zubiri and Becky Tan



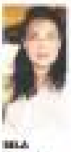
KATRINA Ponce Enrile, Marc Romulo and husband Xander Tecson



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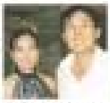
BELLA Vazquez

Fortune hunters

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FORTUNE Lokeman and Apara Malhotra



CINDY Yap and husband, young taipan Kenneth Tang



SPEEDO GANG: Jiber Chiong, Munish Mahtani of Speedo Philippines, Joanna Mae and regional business development director for Speedo International Michael O'Donnell



CORPORATE Imaging Specialist Jed Dimaisip, top GMA-7 executive Gretchen Jeries, top executive of QTV Channel 11 Gigi Santiago, handsome young taipan and the man behind the success of ... Kevin Tan and Wilma Galvante

Pamaong named Best Original Filipino Designer



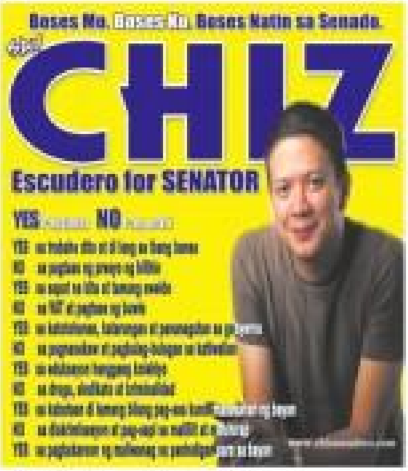
SLINKY satin silhouette from Pamaong's collection



ORIGINAL icon: HP Best Original Filipino Designer awardee Sharon Pamaong with Supplies Marketing Development Manager Gordon Ong



BOLD colors, dainty prints and intricate details



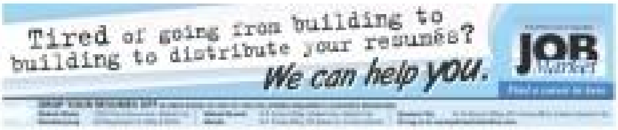
Goings On

Share an idea



MASBATE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION. Members of the organizing committee for the May 19-20 reunion of the Masbate High School Class 1967 met recently to finalize preparations for the event.







LIFE-STYLED
Thelma Sioson San Juan

Period costume dinner in summer



Fashion designer offers a unique concept in Vigan

Feel the era

Painstaking preparation

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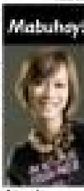
HALTER periwinkle bias dress of champagne pure silk and periwinkle blue stretch viscose

Fall in love

Ronaldo Arnaldo's clothes seem to fall just right on the body

THE SPOTLIGHT OF THE moment is on Ronaldo Arnaldo. This very talented designer has a signature style that flawlessly marries graphic details and soft silhouettes. His personal fashion dictum is to come up with designs that are controlled but not boring, grounded on a classic point of view yet updated with new twists, and always with respect for the female form.

You can see that respect in his beautiful outfits that pay attention to the fall of the garment, resulting in a modern feminine look that's very sexy. "I am very particular about the fall, the seams and the lining."



Mabuhay!

Joeri Epperson

Ronaldo says: "Doing the pattern myself enables me to explore limitless possibilities in cut and proportion."

Nothing escapes his eye, from the drafting of the pattern to the final pressing of the garment. I love it!

Perhaps this philosophy of precision and thoroughness stems from his educational training.

With his flair for fashion, it's hard to believe that Ronaldo is actually a medical technology graduate. After graduating from pre-med, he became interested in another field—fashion design—and realized that his passion lay in cutting fabric rather than sewing up hearts.

After finishing his course, he immediately landed a job as the assistant designer of Mike de la Rosa. "During my five-year stint, I learned all the tricks of the trade," Ronaldo shares.

He was exposed to all the fashion shows, particularly the ones of the Filipino Designers Group of which De la Rosa was a member. It was also around this time that he developed his skills in apparel making.

Eventually, he struck out on his own, catering mostly to Filipino-Chinese clients. When he joined Philippine Fashion Week, a lot of fashion insiders began to take notice and became appreciative of his creative work.

Today, he is branching out from his made-to-order line into RTW. "I know that RTW is the future of Philippine fashion," he says, "and since I have a very solid background in ready-to-wear, I'm pretty positive about it."

He particularly favors day dresses and feminine outfits made for special occasions like parties and semiformal affairs. Soon, he will be coming out with office wear and casuals with occasional resort pieces. His dresses (seen here) epitomize the modern feminine silhouette—trapeze, bubble and thus with graphic details.

His creations are beautiful yet surprisingly inexpensive. Can you fall in love with him yet? Ronaldo affirms that he aims to keep a price ceiling for his merchandise to make it more affordable, and to reach an even wider market. "I always believed in affordable couture, as evident in the diffusion lines of the more established main designers' brands both here and abroad."

Ronaldo takes pleasure in the fact that his creations are beyond being high-end couture; they are very wearable. "I feel delighted and fulfilled every time I see my creations being worn. All in all, what's important is that clothes shouldn't end up the runway. They should always be sold and eventually worn by real people."

E-mail the author at jfashion@inquirer.com.ph



PLATE-COLLAR loose bubble dress with pleated details and trim detail in high-grade raw viscose and suede over brown georgette



SLEEVELESS tent long gown with kilt and pinned pleated details in high-grade viscose real suede over champagne pure silk



SYMPLES princess-cut gown with overlapping panels of pewter-gray satin and georgette. Panels knotted at the back, with black wool crepe bodice

Photography Tim Epperson
Styling Joeri Epperson
Model Marianne Bell
Makeup Greg Zaldana for Shu Uemura
Hair Fraulein Toro for Mazel's Styling Salon
Clothes Ronaldo Arnaldo available at Backstage, 2/F, Serendra, Fort Bonifacio Global City. Cell 0917-5329022

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Fierce, fabulous, flapper

With the LV Pre-fall Collection, even if you're past your 20s, you can at least evoke the 1920s!

By Jerni Epperson



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BY DAY, A RIDE ON THE countryside, enjoying nature's breeze in classic hacking jackets and slim riding pants of herringbone and corduroy. By night, dancing away at a glamorous ball, in a silk cocktail dress, champagne glass in hand. Ah, life was good in the Roaring '20s, when elegance and seduction went hand in hand like clandestine lovers.



The Louis Vuitton Pre-fall Collection will be available in June 2007.

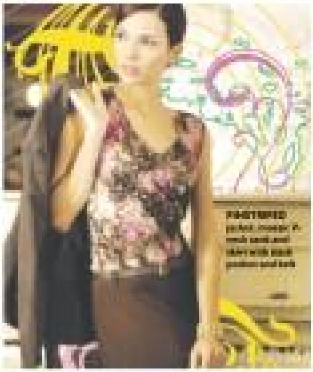
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PINK shell print tank dress and cap-sleeved shrug



Anne Klein's spring-summer collection updates its woman-at-work vision



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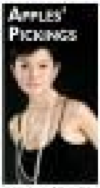
Modern options



THE MODERN WOMAN usually has to juggle countless tasks and responsibilities on any given day. Not only does she have to conquer boardrooms or deal with demanding clients and bosses, she also has to play the role of supportive wife, devoted mother and good friend.

Fashion-wise, this typical overachiever appreciates a sophisticated wardrobe that's practical and flexible. There's simply no time to fuss over ensembles and outfits. Easy fun chic pieces that can go day into night—from the office to PTA meetings to cocktails with friends or dinner with the hubby—are a must.

Apples' Pickings



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

The limited-edition Anne Klein spring-summer collection comes in fashionably chic separates and stunningly detailed dresses made for women to wear at work and whenever after. In spring hues of delectable chocolate brown, [illegible] red, basil grey and delicate ivory, the color palette for this spring-summer season gives the modern mom a whole slew of smart choices.

For a full-week schedule, an array of exquisitely made dramatic dresses that exude timeless elegance are stylish picks. Dresses that come in rich gorgeous fabrics of lace or metallic linens are feminine and special but still apt for power meetings and dinner.

Chic separates for work such as a graphic sleeveless top worn with a solid-colored skirt and pinstriped jacket are also excellent options. These pieces can be easily paired with other items to create totally different looks. A [illegible] top worn with a pinstriped jacket is more relaxed and perfect for after-office events.

For a more refreshing take on corporate wear, seamlessly constructed jackets are modern choices. These can be worn with V-neck blouses and A-line or flowing swing skirts.

At the end of the week, vibrant floral and feminine dresses paired with distinct solid pullovers come in handy for day trips, shopping, and entertaining. A stand-out in this season's Anne Klein collection is a blue floral bias-cut dress that can [illegible] be accessorized with drop earrings for a simple yet fashionable look.

With a simple but chic wardrobe that effortlessly combines fashion and function, it's so much easier for the modern woman to portray the different, sometimes difficult but always rewarding, roles she plays.

E-mail the author at [illegible]

Anne Klein is exclusively distributed by [illegible], and is available at Powerplant Mall, Greenbelt 3, Shangri-la Plaza Mall, [illegible] and Rustan's Tower.



LACE-TRIMMED V-neck tank, rose-print scarf and brown skirt with dark pockets and belt

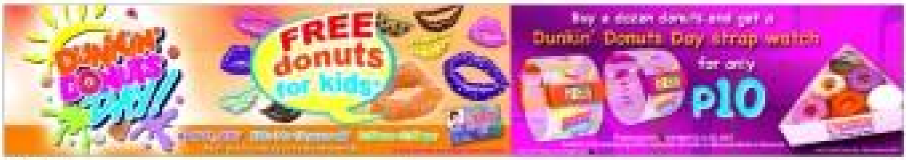
Photography Kai Huang
Clothes Anne Klein
Shot on location at Café Ysabel,
P. Guevarra St., San Juan
Special thanks to chef Gene Gonzalez



PAINTED wrap dress

LIVING Stars

Editor: [illegible]



ARA MINA

I'M READING TWO BOOKS: [illegible] and "This Is My Story: [illegible]." The latter is a gift from [illegible]. It [illegible] inspiring [illegible] stories of different people, from celebrities like Gary Valenciano and Donita Rose to ordinary folks. [illegible] I picked up tips on [illegible]. I also enjoy reading [illegible] books because they offer insights on myself and other people.

BOOKS

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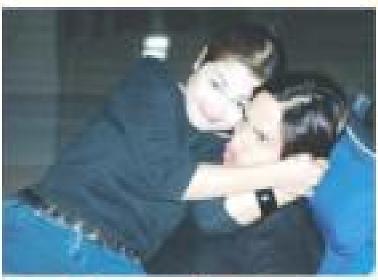
WE HAVE TWO CATS AND FOUR DOGS. The [illegible] Paris, Washington D.C. and Manila. [illegible] My husband (Alphonse Omar [illegible]) is a cat person. [illegible] The Doberman [illegible] is named [illegible], after my husband's birthplace. [illegible] My dogs give me a lot of love. They're extremely loyal. My husband thinks they're high-strung, though. [illegible] because they're very [illegible].

TAIL TALES

[illegible] San Diego Jr.







All-around boyfriend

ACTOR AND TV HOST RYAN Agoncillo often visited the set of "Ouija," the new movie of his girlfriend Judy Ann Santos in her first big-screen team-up with Jolina Magdangal. Ryan has a cameo in the horror flick, along with Jolina's beau Rodjun Cruz (?). The two couples even had a double date recently and the boys accompanied the gals to the shoot in Camiguin, where Ryan volunteered as Juday's [illegible]. Talk about all-around bf.

SNEAK PEEK

[illegible] San Diego Jr.



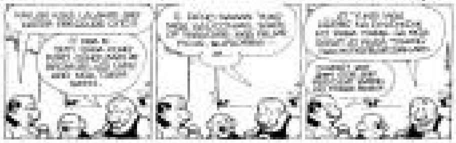




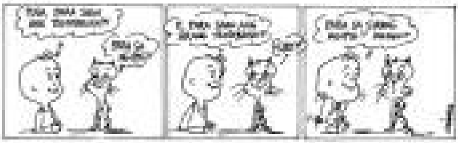


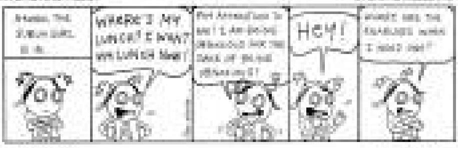


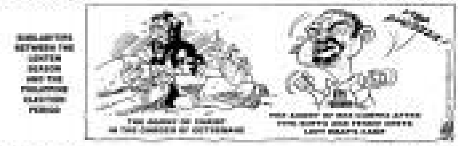


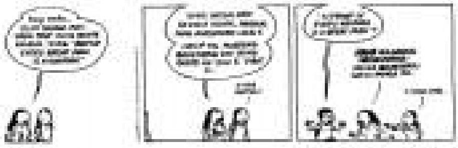


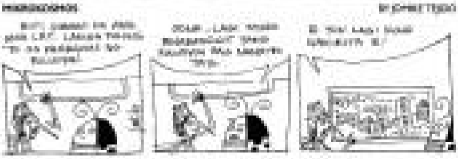




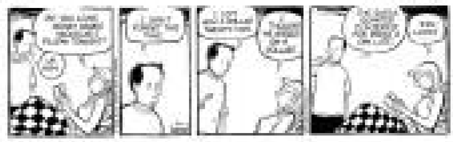




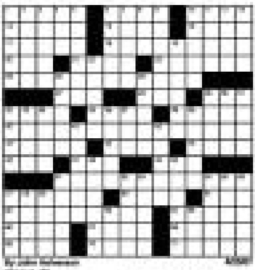


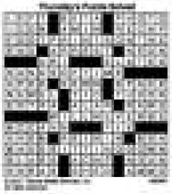






DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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6		5	9			4		
5						1		7
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9		2						8
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Jamming for Mother Earth

By Pocholo Concepcion
Contributor

Lou Bonnevie remembers the first time she heard about the significance of observing Earth Day.

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Marathon gig

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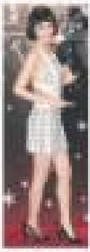

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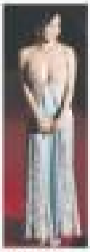

CYNTHIA ALEXANDER

STARS FOR OTHERS

Happy enough

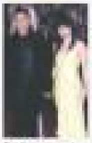
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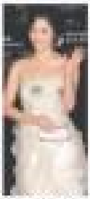

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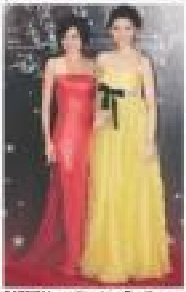

HUO SI YAN

26th HK Film Awards, April 15

RED CARPET

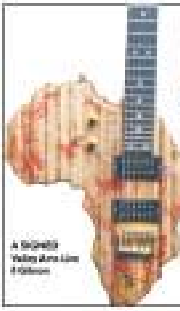

SHAWN YU and Josie Ho


SONG HYE KYO


BARBIE Hsu and her sister Dee Hsu

Icons of Music NY auction

These valuable souvenirs are part of the Icons of Music collection of memorabilia auctioned off in New York early this week for the "Music Rising" benefit for Gulf Coast musicians.


A SIGNED Valley Arts Line 6 Gibson


GLASSES worn by John Lennon


SHADES owned by Bono


GRETSCH Falcon Gretsch signed by Bono


A Les Paul used by Dave "The Edge" Evans

Toys for a big boy

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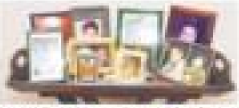
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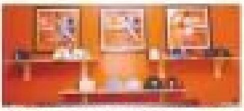

FOR HIS role in "Fantastic Man," he has taken up weight training in the mini-gym at the garage.


TEENAGE Mutant Ninja Turtles action figures


TUPAC Shakur, Limp Bizkit and Eminem posters hang on the walls of his private space.


TELEPHONE nook shows off chairs and lamp given by his uncle's designer friend.


FRAMED family pictures rest on a table from Daplian.


GOLD, platinum and double platinum record awards and baseball caps adorn his bed's headboard.


MORE jars and Oriental décor from his uncle's collection.

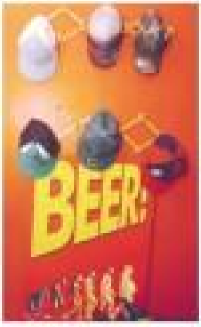

GOLD and white drapes in the dining room


WINDOW mirror from Tiendesitas


HE CAN spend over 12 hours in front of the computer.

Toys for a big boy

Mark Herras fills his 'crib' with his favorite stuff



A SMALL part of his extensive cap collection





TOY BATMOBILE

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Rodel Rotoni

ALTHOUGH HE IS KNOWN AS "Bad Boy of the Dance Floor," Mark Herras insists he has "matured" considerably since topping "Starstruck" and joining show biz three years ago.

"It's true what people say that you grow up quickly in show biz. At age 20, I learned to take care of problems that I thought I couldn't handle," Mark says. "I feel blessed that I now have a steady job, a new house and a Starex van."

Home Body

He bought the vehicle with his "Starstruck" prize money, he says. The Quezon City house, which stands on a 300-sq. m. lot, was built with his earnings as a GMA-7 talent.

"Another great thing about my job is that it allows me to take care of my family," he points out. "When my mom (Jeanette) was hospitalized recently, we didn't have to worry about anything."

He had sought to join the biz precisely to help his loved ones—especially after his father and uncle were sentenced in a pyramid scam.

He insists, however: "I am still like a child in a lot of ways."

Proof: There are over a hundred action figures—from Batman to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles—displayed in his bedroom. Apart from an entertainment center, he has also in-

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KINDERGARTEN graduation photo



EMPTY perfume, wine and olive oil bottles line a window sill in Mark Herras's orange room.



CHILD Jesus figurine stands on a table that [illegible] found in Baguio.

ENTERTAINMENT

Halle Berry on rehash of her suicide attempt

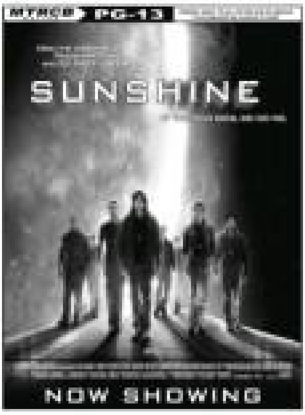
...and Marion Cotillard as Edith Piaf should lead 2008 Best Actress race



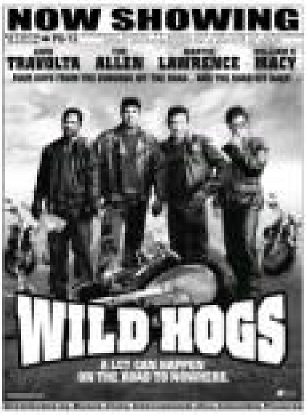
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Ruben V. Nepales







'Rock Da Vote'

Show Time

Halle Berry

Halle Berry on rehash of her suicide attempt